

Please amend the paragraph at page 43, line 21 as follows:

The fingerprint feature data specified in the argument of the authentication function are ~~demanded~~demanded by the user who has demanded additional authentication.

Please amend the paragraph at page 48, line 1 as follows:

This shows that the additional provider who next makes additional authentication perform by client initiative is determined. That is, in the above ~~embodiment~~embodiment, although even the fingerprint authentication provider 18 explained the example by which the chisel is defined as an additional provider of the password and fingerprint merge provider 16, if the new authentication provider's information is added to the additional provider management table 193 and the authentication provider merge table 194, it is also possible to define two or more additional providers as the password and fingerprint merge provider 16.

Please amend the paragraph at page 51, line 2 as follows:

Progressing to step S106 following step S105, the password authentication provider 17 interprets the contents of the authentication primary ticket while checking the justification of the authentication primary ticket specified to be the argument by the term of validity, MIC, etc., and the authentication information data ("primary authentication information data") with which the contents of the primary ticket form are converted to the text form that the client 30 may ~~interpret~~interpret are created.

Please amend the paragraph at page 54, line ²⁵~~23~~ as follows:

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Progressing to step S123 following step S122, the provider interface unit 13 calls the password and fingerprint merge provider 16 which is the ~~a source~~source of the authentication merge ticket.

Please amend the paragraph at page 57, line 19 as follows:

That is, the system which is available to the user is restricted with the range of validity contained in the ticket, the period for which the use is permitted to the user is